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## SUMMERING IN SYRIA.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Reed (Bertha Grove) Are in the Robert West House in the Lebanon Mountains.

### EXTRACTS FROM A PRIVATE LETTER.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Reed and family and Dr. Askron and family—all of Midinet el Fayoum, Egypt, are spending their summer rest in the mountains of Lebanon near Beirut, Syria. They have rented, and are occupying, the house of Mrs. West, widow of the late Prof. Robert H. West, son of our late Dr. West, so familiarly and favorably known to all in McConnellsburg. Mrs. Reed, in a private letter to her father, Rev. J. L. Grove, says: "The house stands on a steep ridge of Lebanon and overlooks the country to Beirut and the sea. The view is magnificent. We never tire of it. Though I had often heard that Syria was a wild stony land, I had no idea that it was really so wild as it is. It is wilder and rougher than the roughest part of Fulton county that I have ever seen.

"To reach our house, it requires about a ten-minute climb from the nearest carriage road. The house is a very substantial one of stone—plain, but very comfortable. The little parlor has an organ and a book-case with a few standard works and many volumes of 'Century', 'Youths' Companion', 'St. Nicholas', 'Little Folks', etc. Mary is charmed to find so many nice stories.

There is a large cistern here with good cool water. It is such a comfort just to pump the cool, good water and drink it without the trouble of filtering and cooling as we must do in Egypt. Frauline went to Jerusalem, and just arrived yesterday, and the children are starting in lessons again. French is to be the specialty this summer. The money here is very puzzling, as the value is not the same in different places, and the system is fractional all the way through. So buying and making accounts make a great deal of figuring. There is no telegraph, telephone, nor post here; so we feel well out of the world. The post is brought from Beirut, however, once a day, and left at some store or other, and one is permitted to go in and look it all over and choose what is for him, or take his fancy. But we are told that when the season begins, about July 1st, there will be regular post. The train requires as long to come from Beirut as a carriage, but the former is cheaper. I must close and hasten to mail."

### Business Men's Association.

A majority of the business men of town met at John A. Irwin's Monday afternoon and organized what will be known as the Business Men's Association of McConnellsburg, by electing the following officers: President, John A. Irwin; Secretary, W. H. Greathead; Treasurer, George W. Reiser.

The primary object of the Association is to shorten the hours of the merchant; and after considering the different hours as proposed, it was unanimously decided to close their respective places of business Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7 o'clock, beginning Monday, July 4th, when the stores will be closed all day and evening.

There can be no inconvenience nor hardship to the country trade by this change in the business hours, as three evenings in the week, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, the stores will be open as usual.

This is not a radical change from the regular order of business hours, and in the course of a few weeks, the people will be educated to the change, thereby giving to the merchant what is due him.

## W. M. R.'s NEW TERMINALS.

Will Make Extensive Improvements at Cumberland, Md.

Western Maryland railway company, it has been learned, is planning to expend \$500,000 in improving its terminal facilities at Cumberland, Md. The improvements will be made in connection with the new Western Maryland extension which is now in course of construction between Cumberland and Connellsville.

The improvements, it is understood, will include a handsome new passenger station and additional freight yards, as well as new sidings, etc. Plans for the big Cumberland improvements are now being tentatively worked out by the engineering department of the Western Maryland and construction work will be started in time to carry to completion by the time that the extension is finished and trains are operated to and from Pittsburg.

### Laidig vs. Locals.

On Saturday, at 4 o'clock, the locals met the Laidig boys on our diamond, and for 6 innings the game was intensely interesting, filled full of many brilliant plays and both teams working nicely. Scheideman was in the box for the locals, and performed splendidly, allowing only 5 hits. N. Foreman pitched splendidly until the seventh, when 5 hits were bunched off of him and Warsing of Wells Tannery, was substituted. In the eighth, the home players disputed a decision of umpire Greathead and several left the field. To the patrons of baseball, we wish to announce that such conduct will never occur again, as the querulous persons have duly agreed to hereafter present their claims in form of a protest. Score:

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### Turn To the Right.

When approaching other vehicles you must turn to the right. When the driver of a rapidly moving vehicle signals you from the rear that he intends to pass you, you should turn to your right. The right of the road is where you belong under the law at all times. Because it is customary to drive in the center does not give you any legal right to be there.

If an accident occurs and you are not on the right side of the road, that is if you are in the center or on the left side, you are likely to be held responsible. Many make the mistake of turning to the left when an automobile signals them from behind. This is dangerous, as the automobilist is likely to swing to the left and run into you. He and drivers of all other vehicles are compelled to go to the left when passing any vehicle from the rear. Many boroughs and some first-class townships have ordinances requiring lights visible front and rear on all vehicles (State law requires this on autos.) It would be safer if there was a State law requiring this everywhere.

### Games For The 4th.

The management of the Athletic Association has secured the fast teams of Franklin and Huntingdon counties—Fort Loudon and Orbisona respectively, and the fans can look for entertainment of the highest class on Monday, July the 4th.

Fort Loudon will come to square off that thirteen-inning game they lost to our boys last year, and we will do the best we can to repeat. Some class to those Loudon boys.

Orbisona has not been represented on our grounds for a few years; hence they should be a good attraction, and, from what we hear, they are putting up the article of ball that wins a majority of the games.

## Surprise Party.

Thomas Hampton, like most boys, is always planning some pleasant surprise for his parents or other friends. Last Tuesday being his mother's 48th birthday anniversary, he hit upon the scheme of inviting her friends and neighbors in to spend the day with her. About 9 o'clock, while she was busily engaged doing her morning's work, she noticed a number of wagons and buggies approaching, and to her surprise, they stopped at her door. She went forth to greet them with a nervous hand shake, glad to know they had remembered her on her birthday. They were entertained with songs and music by Mrs. Daniel Laidig. So it was a good dinner, a joyous surprise and a day spent pleasantly.

Those present were Thomas McClure and wife, Mrs. H. S. Daniels, Mrs. Hiram Laidig, Mrs. Sarah Shaw, Mrs. Floyd Daniels, Mrs. Daniel Laidig, James Hampton and wife, Mrs. M. E. Stevens, Elms Emick, L. McClure, Rebecca Daniels, Edith Martin, Clara Laidig, Jennie Lamberson, Lilly Sipes, Helen Daniels, John, Thomas, Frank, William, and Lydia Hampton; Susan, James, Ruth, and Flossie Laidig; Roy McClure; Russell, Bruce, and Orsian Shaw, and J. W. Sipes.

### All Roads Will be Free.

From Philadelphia Press.

There are 718 miles of tollroads in the state of Pennsylvania, according to the Pennsylvania Toll-road Commission. We doubt if this can be matched in all the rest of the United States put together. This is the only large State that retains many tollroads. Maryland, a much smaller State, is probably second in this unfavorable distinction of privately owned highways.

Seventy-five years ago all the principal highways were tollroads. As the States have advanced in wealth and population they have, one after another, made their highways free. Pennsylvania has not kept up with this movement and still retains many tollroads. Now that the Republican party in the State has declared for their abolition, and a State Commission has devised a way to do it, it is inevitable that the tollgate will not be able to linger and reproach us by its presence much longer.

The 718 miles of tollroads, if strung together, would make two highways clear across the State owned by private parties, levying road taxes every few miles, and not kept in first-class condition, as the commission reports and common experience attests. Some of the most frequently traveled tollroads in the country around Philadelphia are kept in fairly good condition, but the cost of using them is excessive and the great number of the tollgates are a source of great annoyance. "The Press" long ago raised the cry that these tollgates should go and now they are going.

A rich and progressive State like Pennsylvania should have good highways running in every direction, and all of them free. The progress of the good roads movement in this State has been checked and limited by the fact that the tollroads occupied the main highway route in a large section of the State, and State road improvement could only be accomplished on the subsidiary and minor roads.

The good roads movement should have begun by the acquisition of the tollroads by the State and the abolition of the tollgates. That was not done, but now it will be. The Tollroad Commission has prepared the way for it, the Republican State Convention has declared for it, and the great highway emancipation for which "The Press" has labored so assiduously will soon be realized by the freeing of the whole 718 miles of toll turnpike in Pennsylvania.

## RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

### ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

#### HOUCK.

Ephraim Houck died at his home on the "Meadow Billy" Patterson farm in Ayr township, last Friday morning, aged 62 years, and 17 days. Funeral took place Saturday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. Chf. Hays, of the Lutheran church, and interment was made in Union cemetery.

Mr. Houck had been sick for a long time, he having been partially paralyzed about a year ago. Besides his wife, who was Jennie Bechtel, a daughter of the late John Bechtel of Webster Mills, he is survived by seven children, namely, Charles, Frank, Lizzie, wife of Harvey Glenn; Blanche, wife of George Doyle—all residing in Illinois; Sophia, wife of Luther Gordon, residing on the Knauft farm in Ayr township, and James and Paul at home.

Mr. Houck was a consistent member of the Lutheran church, and before his health broke down, was a hard working, industrious man and an excellent neighbor. The family have the sympathy of their numerous friends in this bereavement.

#### DIEHL.

James A. Diehl, one of Fulton county's most estimable citizens, died at the home of his son Frank at Amaranth postoffice in Union township, June 24, 1910, aged 75 years and 10 months. Funeral took place last Sunday; services were conducted in the Jerusalem Christian church in Whips Cove, by Rev. T. P. Garland, of Needmore, and his remains were laid to rest in the little cemetery at that place.

Mr. Diehl had been in failing health for several years, but was confined to his bed only about two weeks prior to his death.

He was a most excellent citizen, a faithful husband and father, and a good neighbor. Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Frank M., of Amaranth, and Edward, residing in Bedford county. Also, three brothers remain, namely, Uriah, Samuel, and Moses.

The deceased was a faithful member of the Christian church for about thirty-five years.

#### STARR.

Bessie, wife of Joseph R. Starr formerly of this county, but now a resident of Snake Spring Valley, Bedford county, died at her home on Wednesday of last week aged about 45 years. Her funeral took place on Friday, and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Bedford.

Mrs. Starr was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sampson Mellott, of Belfast township, and was a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist church.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four children—Inez, Frank, Hazel, and a six-week-old baby.

Mrs. Starr was a sister of Lydia, wife of D. R. Mellott, and of Ephraim Mellott—both in this county, and of Louise, a trained nurse, living in Philadelphia.

#### HESS.

A telegram was received announcing the death of Abner Hess, son of the late John Hess, of Thompson township. Abner died at his home in Kansas City on Tuesday evening of last week. He is survived by his wife and two children; also, by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hess, of Thompson township, and by four sisters and four brothers, namely, Malinda, wife of George F. Mellott; Ella, wife of Ex-Sheriff W. H. Pittman; Nettie, wife of Howard Zimmerman, and Mary, wife of Thomas Lewis; and Ephraim, Jacob, Samuel, and John.

Abner was aged about 45 years and had resided in the West for a good many years.

## GETTING READY FOR THE 4TH.

State Has Distributed Quantities of Anti-Tetanus Serum for Victims. Free to the Poor.

Health Commissioner Dixon plans to fight for the lives of poor children of Pennsylvania who may be in danger of tetanus, by distributing anti-tetanus serum free of charge to such needy ones as may be injured by explosives on July 4.

The serum will be distributed at forty-two points throughout Pennsylvania, chosen by reason of their accessibility. The danger of tetanus from explosive wounds is very great, as the appalling sacrifice of lives in the past shows. If, promptly after the wound is received, the injured one is treated with immunizing doses of anti-tetanus serum, the danger of lockjaw developing is warded off, just as diphtheria anti-toxin is used to protect children who have been exposed to that disease. That no poor child in Pennsylvania shall die for want of this preventive treatment, is the purpose of Health Commissioner Dixon.

These tetanus anti-toxin stations will furnish the serum on the application of a physician who certifies that it is for the use of an indigent case. The doctor also agrees to furnish the State Department of Health with a clinical report of the case for tabulation and study.

The anti-tetanus serum will be given out by the State from the following near-by points: Leshe W. Seylar, McConnellsburg; F. W. Jordan, Bedford, and H. E. Steel, Huntingdon.

### Dr. Dixon Pleased.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Commissioner of the State Department of Health, after making a personal examination of the tuberculosis and cancer research work that has been done at the University of Pennsylvania, declared himself as well pleased with the results. Dr. Dixon said:

"The commission in deeply impressed with the favorable effects produced by the organic products used on certain animals afflicted with cancer.

"At present we can only hope that some remedial agent may have been discovered, but the experiments are undoubtedly gratifying, and they may mean that we are at last on the right track in our efforts to combat this terrible and constantly increasing malady.

"We are also making satisfactory progress in the refining of the treatment of consumption. The product made in the laboratories has been used with encouraging success for several years at the State sanatorium at Mount Alto."

The laboratory force is now working on experiments to determine the precautions necessary to guard against the spread of anthrax in the handling of foreign hides.

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#### STEVENS.

The grim reaper Death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Stevens, near Laidig, Friday, June 24th, and took from their midst their daughter Stella Blanche. The young lady was 16 years, 8 months, and 25 days of age, and her departure at this tender age was made more sad, considering that she was such a bright girl, her teachers remarking how she led her class in school. Funeral was held last Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. L. W. McGarvey. Interment was made at Fairview M. E. cemetery.

#### HEINBAUGH.

Infant, fifteen days old, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Heinbaugh of Ayr township, died last Sunday and was interred in Union cemetery on Monday.

## JUNE WEDDINGS.

Well Known Young People Whose Hearts and Hands Have Been Joined in Matrimony.

### SUMMERS—PURCELL.

A quiet wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Purcell, near Hustontown, when at 7 o'clock Saturday evening, June 25th, their daughter Rosa and Mr. George Wesley Summers, of Mercersburg, were united in marriage by Rev. Luther W. McGarvey. A sumptuous wedding dinner was served, to which all seemed to do full justice, the parson following the old time Methodist custom of stowing away an ample portion of fowl.

The groom is employed at the Mercersburg Academy, and will return there after a short honeymoon. The bride expects to remain at home and assist her mother until fall. All join in wishing the young couple a long, happy and prosperous journey through life.

### GLUNT—WITTER.

At the Hotel Schenley in Pittsburg, at six o'clock in the evening of Wednesday, June 22nd, Miss Belle Witter, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Witter, of Taylor township, became the bride of Mr. A. V. Glunt, of Knobsville. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. J. McNeering. The bride is one of Taylor township's most popular young ladies, and the groom is in the employ of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, and is a number one young man. The happy couple will begin housekeeping at once in New Brighton, Pa., where the groom has a station. Mr. and Mrs. Glunt will please accept the hearty congratulations of the Fulton County News.

### WATERFALL.

W. R. Berkstresser is having a well drilled. It is now down to a depth of 80 feet.

Miss Mertie Berkstresser is spending a week at S. C. Gracey's.

S. S. Strait has been looking up a route for a telephone line to Burnt Cabins during the past week.

Isaac McClain has moved his sawmill home to do custom work. A fellow representing a firm by the name of Boston in Chicago bit a few of our farmers. It cost them ten dollars a piece to find out that he is a slick article.

Wm. C. McClain and wife, of Robertsdale, spent a day down on his farm last week.

Dean Berkstresser has been hoing corn for A. N. Witter just to keep his blood in circulation.

Mrs. W. F. Berkstresser has been confined to the house for a few days.

Mrs. Ida Alloway has been in Taylor several days picking cherries.

Miss Belle Witter went out to the Smoky City last week.

Rev. McGarvey lost his bearing and got to Clear Ridge instead of Center.

### Stable Burned.

About 11 o'clock last Saturday morning the frame stable on the property occupied by Virgil Sipes and owned by his father John P. Sipes, located in the East extension, was discovered on fire. The stable contained about two tons of hay, and it took only about an hour for the fire to entirely destroy the stable and its contents. The stable was about 18 x 24, sided and painted, and worth perhaps, \$350. The Lurgan Mutual was paying \$200 on it.

### Broke Her Arm.

Mary, the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob W. Mallott, of this place, fell while crossing a little bridge Sunday afternoon and broke the humerus in her left arm. The fractured member received prompt surgical attention, and the little girl is getting along first rate.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

### NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Miss Ethel Hays, is visiting her grandmother Michaels in Everett.

Mrs. Wilson L. Nace and little daughter Helen are spending this week at the Bedford Springs.

Miss Meta Fryman is spending a week in Chambersburg visiting among her relatives and friends.

Rev. Charles R. Pittman will occupy the pulpit in the M. E. church this place next Sunday morning.

Glenn Miller and Owen Anderson, of Clear Ridge drove in and spent yesterday at the County Seat.

Treasurer C. B. Stevens returned yesterday from a business trip up through Huntingdon county.

Harry Clouser, who is employed in Chambersburg, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Clouser.

Rev. R. H. Hoover, of Perrysville, Md., is spending a few days of his summer vacation in McConnellsburg.

Miss Lillie R. Campbell is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth R. Campbell, in Blair county.

John Rex Irwin, who spent the past year as a student in the Perkiomen Seminary, is home for his summer vacation.

Miss Nelda Cutshall, of Three Springs, is visiting in the home of her aunt and uncle, Aley F. Cutchall and wife, near Dublin Mills.

Miss Bess Irwin, who spent the past school year teaching in one of the most desirable public schools in the Quaker City, is home for her summer vacation.

W. R. Speer, of Everett, drove down to McConnellsburg last Sunday and returned Monday accompanied home by Mrs. Speer who had been visiting relatives in this county for several days.

Miss Gertrude Hoke left Tuesday morning for Shippensburg, where she will attend the annual Alumni Reunion, after which she will visit friends in Saxton, Riddlesburg, and other places.

Ex-Sheriff Frank Mason attended the Commencement exercises at the Indiana State Normal at Indiana, Pa., yesterday. His daughter Miss Goldie is a member of the graduating class of this year.

Miss Nora H. C. Watson, of this place, left Monday morning for Newark, N. J., where she will be engaged six weeks as assistant teacher in a select school, after which she will return to McConnellsburg.

J. Kendall Johnston and wife left early yesterday morning in their automobile for Shippensburg, to attend the Commencement exercises at the Normal, and will spend a day or two visiting friends before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Motter and little son Donald, of Altoona, arrived Saturday evening and will spend a week or ten days visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Motter, and other relatives and friends in the County.

Mr. C. O. Keebaugh, one of our valued subscribers, in Nebraska, is spending a short time among his Fulton County relatives and friends. He spent a few hours in McConnellsburg, Monday, and was a pleasant caller at the News office.

Miss Bessie Taylor, who has just finished her junior year at St. Joseph's Academy, and took first honors of her class, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Taylor of this place.